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REMARKS BY SENATOR JACOB K. JAVITS
BEFORE THE VENEZUELAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1976

(SENATOR JACOB K. JAVITS (R-NY), WINDING UP A TWELVE DAY TOUR
THROUGH LATIN AMERICA IN WHICH HE VISITED BRAZIL, PERU, PANAMA,
COLOMBIA, AND VENEZUELA AND MET THE LEADERS IN THESE COUNTRIES
IN GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS, SPOKE TODAY IN CARACAS BEFORE A SPE-
CIAL LUNCHEON MEETING OF THE VENEZUELAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE.)

SENATOR JAVITS REMARKS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

WE SEEK A NEW ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP AMONG THE NATIONS OF
THE AMERICANS, AS THE PROPER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED
AND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE AMERICAS.

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THE UNITED STATES HAS NOW EVALUATED ITS ROLE IN DEALING WITH THE INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE PROPOSALS DETAILED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY LAST SEPTEMBER ARE THE GOOD FAITH EVIDENCE OF THAT POLICY. I SPEAK WITH SOME KNOWLEDGE ON THIS SUBJECT AS I WAS A MEMBER OF THE CONGRESSIONAL ADVISORY GROUP WHICH ADVISED THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION.

VENEZUELA'S KEY POSITION IN THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION AND SUBSEQUENT MAJOR ROLE AS A LEADING SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEVELOPING NATIONS HAS MADE HER VIEWS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT.

SECRETARY KISSINGER AT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION CORRECTLY STATED THAT "THE REALITY IS THAT THE WORLD ECONOMY IS A SINGLE GLOBAL SYSTEM OF TRADE AND MONETARY RELATIONS ON WHICH HINGES THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALL OUR ECONOMIES...THE UNITED STATES FIRMLY BELIEVES THAT THE ECONOMIC CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME MUST UNITE US, AND NOT DIVIDE US." NOWHERE IS THIS MORE TRUE THAN IN LATIN AMERICA. THE UNITED STATES WILL GROW INCREASINGLY INTERESTED IN REGIONAL RELATIONSHIPS IN LATIN AMERICA IN A REALISTIC REAPPRAISAL OF ITS ROLE IN THE WORLD CAUSED BY THE DISILLUSIONMENT OF MANY IN THE U.S. WITH CERTAIN ACTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THERE EXISTS AN ENORMOUS FUND OF GOOD WILL TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES IN LATIN AMERICA AND TOWARDS LATIN AMERICAN IN THE UNITED STATES IN SPITE OF VARIOUS UNDERSTANDABLE IRRITANTS. THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA HAVE GREAT VITALITY AND RESILIENCE, AND SOME HAVE MADE ALREADY REMARKABLE PROGRESS IN THEIR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. ALTHOUGH THE WORLD RECESSION HAS TEMPORARILY DIMINISHED THEIR RATES OF GROWTH, THE FUTURE OFFERS GREAT PROMISE FOR MANY OF THEIR ECONOMIES.

THE TWO YEARS THAT HAVE ELAPSED SINCE THE ENUNCIATION OF THE "NEW DIALOGUE" POLICY FOR LATIN AMERICA HAVE SEEN VAST CHANGES OCCUR IN THE WORLD'S ECONOMY, MOST NOTABLY THE SHARP INCREASE IN WORLD OIL PRICES AND THE WORLD RECESSION, FROM WHICH WE ARE ONLY JUST BEGINNING TO RECOVER. LATIN AMERICA MAY NOT HAVE BEEN HIT SO HARD AS OTHER PARTS OF THE DEVELOPING WORLD, BUT HERE THE IMPACT IS ALSO BEING FELT IN LOW GROWTH RATES AND SEVERE BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS IN A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES.

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AT THE SAME TIME THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES HAVE DEMONSTRATED A NEW UNITY AND NEW POWER IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THEIR ATTEMPT TO REDRESS THE WORLD'S ECONOMIC BALANCE.

MY VISIT TO OUR FIVE AMERICAN NEIGHBOR COUNTRIES HAS GIVEN ME A MOST VITAL IMPRESSION OF THE VARIETY OF MEANS AND PHILOSOPHIES THAT ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS. EACH COUNTRY

IS REMARKABLY DIFFERENT, YET IN EACH I FOUND A PROFOUND SENSE OF SHARED DESTINY WITH THE OTHER NATIONS OF THE HEMISPHERE AND A GREAT WILL TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS IN HARMONY.

BUT I MUST STRESS THAT THE COUNTRIES OF LATIN AMERICA ARE NOT INTERESTED IN NEW SLOGANS; THEY WANT SERIOUS ACTION. IF THERE IS TO BE TRUE EQUALITY AMONG OUR NATIONS, THERE WILL BE GIVE AND TAKE ON BOTH SIDES, REPLACING THE OLD DONOR-RECIPIENT RELATIONSHIPS OF THE PAST. I AM SURE THE UNITED STATES WILL BE FORTHCOMING AND COOPERATIVE AND DO ITS FULL SHARE AND MORE IN THIS NEW CONTEXT. INDEED THE EFFORTS OF VENEZUELA, BRAZIL, COLOMBIA AND OTHERS TO AID THEIR AMERICAN NEIGHBORS IN NEW AND CREATIVE WAYS ARE, I BELIEVE, WELL APPRECIATED IN THE UNITED STATES.

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE A NUMBER OF ISSUES ONE COULD DISCUSS IN THIS CONTEXT OF US-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS, I WANT TO SINGLE OUT THREE MAJOR ONES FOR COMMENT: THE PANAMA CANAL, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE ROLE OF PRIVATE INITIATIVE IN ECONOMIC GROWTH.

THE DESIRE FOR A NEW TREATY ON THE PANAMA CANAL UNITES ALL LATIN AMERICANS, AND IS CURRENTLY THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FOR THE UNITED STATES IN THIS HEMISPHERE. IT IS ALSO A MAJOR OPPORTUNITY FOR THE UNITED STATES TO INAUGURATE A NEW POLICY RELATIONSHIP IN LATIN AMERICA. INTEREST IN THE CANAL CENTERS ON FOUR GOALS; THE CANAL MUST BE OPEN, SAFE, EFFICIENT AND NEUTRAL.

I BELIEVE THE STANDARD MUST BE ONE OF PERFORMANCE AND THAT THE FOUR GOALS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN A NEW TREATY NEGOTIATED UNDER THE KISSINGER-TACK PRINCIPLES, WHICH PRINCIPLES I SUPPORT.

ALSO, FROM MY DISCUSSIONS IN PANAMA, I AM ENCOURAGED ABOUT THE PROSPECTS FOR A NEW TREATY WHICH THE U.S. SENATE WILL BE ABLE TO RATIFY. THIS IS AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT ECONOMIC - AS WELL AS UNCLASSIFIED

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POLITICAL - ISSUE FOR LATIN AMERICA AS MANY OF THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES SEND A GREATER PERCENTAGE OF THEIR COMMERCE THROUGH THE CANAL THAN DOES THE UNITED STATES.

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THE ABILITY OF PANAMA AND THE U.S. TO AGREE ON A NEW TREATY
ALSO WILL, I FEEL, SET THE TONE FOR THE FUTURE OF U.S.-LATIN
AMERICAN RELATIONS.

RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VARIES SUBSTANTIALLY FROM COUNTRY
TO COUNTRY IN LATIN AMERICA, WITH THE NEWS STORIES OUT OF BRAZIL
AND CHILE BEING PARTICULARLY SERIOUS FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF
U.S. PUBLIC OPINION. CONCERN FOR THE RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS
HAS LED THE U.S. CONGRESS TO DEAL QUITE STRONGLY WITH THE HUMAN
RIGHTS ISSUES IN THE RECENTLY PASSED FOREIGN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE
LEGISLATION, AND EVEN MORE STRONGLY IN THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE
BILL WHICH IS NOW BEING CONSIDERED IN THE SENATE. I DO NOT FEEL
THAT THE HEMISPHERE CAN TOLERATE ANY ABUSE OF INDIVIDUAL HUMAN
RIGHTS ON THE THEORY THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO THE PROMOTION OF
SOCIAL STABILITY AND THEREFORE OF ECONOMIC GROWTH. THERE IS AN
ABSOLUTELY CLEAR CONNECTION BETWEEN
RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT, AND THIS
EXPLAINS WHY PEOPLE IN THE U.S. CONSIDER DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENTS
IN THIS OR ANY OTHER PART OF THE WORLD TO BE SO VITAL.

I SAY THIS WHILE BEING WELL AWARE THAT IT IS ARGUED IN SOME
CIRCLES THAT AUTHORITARIAN GOVERNMENTS CREATE A FRIENDLY CLIMATE
FOR PRIVATE BUSINESS. I REGARD THIS AS A REAL DELUSION. THAT
FACT IS THAT PEOPLE SEEKING HUMAN RIGHTS SHOULD FEEL THAT
ENLIGHTENED BUSINESS IS THEIR ALLY, AND NOT AGAINST THEM.
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FOR A CLIMATE OF DENYING HUMAN RIGHTS MUST INEVITABLY BECOME
A CLIMATE OF DENYING HUMAN RIGHTS TO BUSINESS AND TO THE
INDIVIDUALS WHO CARRY ON BUSINESS, TOO. THE U.S. IS FULL OF
FRIENDS OF THOSE WHO STRIVE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC
GOVERNMENT IN LATIN AMERICA.

FINALLY, I WISH TO SPEAK OF THE ROLE OF PRIVATE INITIATIVE AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN LATIN AMERICA. THERE CONTINUES TO BE A SUBSTANTIAL ROLE FOR BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTMENT HERE, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES OVER THE AMOUNT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE OWNERSHIP THAT WILL BE PERMITTED. U.S. COMPANIES SEEM TO ME TO BE QUITE WILLING TO BE FLEXIBLE ON THE QUESTION OF OWNERSHIP SO LONG AS THEY ARE NOT SUBJECT TO DISCRIMINATION AND THE RULES OF THE GAME ARE SPELLED OUT CLEARLY.

THE MULTINATIONAL CORPORATION REMAINS ONE OF THE CREATIVE PRIVATE INSTRUMENTS FOR THE TRANSFER OF CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGY OF OUR TIME, AND CAN CONTINUE TO BE SUCH AN INSTRUMENT BECAUSE IT IS CAPABLE OF PROMOTING ECONOMIC GROWTH MORE EFFICIENTLY THAN VIRTUALLY ANY OTHER MECHANISM. HOWEVER, SOME COMPANIES HAVE HURT THE WHOLE CONCEPT BY REPREHENSIBLE ABUSES AND UNETHICAL PRACTICES WHICH MUST BE STOPPED.

I FORESEE THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, UNDER INTERNATIONAL AUSPICES ARISING IN PART OUT OF THE WORK OF THE U.S. GROUP OF EMINENT PERSONS STUDYING MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS FOR THE UNITED NATIONS TWO YEARS AGO, OF WHICH I WAS A MEMBER, AND OTHER EFFORTS. IN OUR COMMON INTEREST TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN THE AMERICAS WE SHALL CONTINUE TO NEED THE SERVICES OF PRIVATE ENTERPRISE AND INVESTMENT, AND BY MUTUAL AGREEMENT I BELIEVE WE CAN DEAL EFFECTIVELY WITH ELIMINATING THE ABUSES BY SOME WHICH HAVE ARISEN. UNQUOTE.
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